

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 235

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Burgin E. Dossett, Jr., of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Burgin E. Dossett, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burgin Dossett was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a founder of Johnson City Internal Medicine Associates, Dr. Dossett practiced medicine in Johnson City for over fifty years and was still active in the practice at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, born in Knoxville, Burgin E. Dossett, Jr., attended West End High School and was a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of medical school, Dr. Dossett joined the armed forces and commenced his medical internship at Brook Army Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, followed by an assignment to Germany; in recognition of his military service, both domestic and abroad, he was awarded a bronze star from the U.S. Army in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Dr. Dossett returned to the U.S. and served his residency in internal medicine at Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Kentucky, and later began his professional practice in Johnson City in 1960; and

WHEREAS, continuing his military service, Dr. Burgin Dossett was a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and last served as Deputy Commander of the 322nd Medical Brigade of Nashville and Commander of the 912 Combat Support Hospital of Johnson City. He was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Iraq in late 1990 with Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his profession, Dr. Dossett served as Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at East Tennessee State University (ETSU), College of Medicine; Chairman of the Board of North Side Hospital; Member, Governor's TennCare Round Table; and Chairman of Medical Excellence Committee at Northeast Tennessee Rehabilitation Hospital for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, Medical Director of Tennessee Caris since 2010, he rendered sterling service as a medical advisor for both the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security Administration, and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a concerned and dedicated physician, Dr. Dossett was also a proud supporter of East Tennessee State University and its programs; he greatly enjoyed contributing his time in service to the institution as medical director of the student health clinic and team physician for the football program; and

WHEREAS, a member of the distinguished President's Club since 1960, Dr. Burgin Dossett, Jr., was totally involved in the university's success as a member of the ETSU Century Club; Pirate Club Athletic Academic Excellence; and President's Trust of the ETSU Foundation and an Honorary Alumnus, ETSU National Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, a beloved husband and father, Dr. Burgin E. Dossett, Jr., is survived by his wife, Valerie Jordan Dossett; his two daughters, Harriet Kane Dossett Slavens and husband, Patrick, and Hunter Dossett-Hickie and husband, Michael; his two sons, Burgin E. Dossett III and wife, Laura, and Patrick Kane Dossett and wife, Heather; two stepsons, James W. Hall, Jr., and Christopher C. Hall and wife, Jane; and

WHEREAS, a devoted grandfather, Dr. Dossett is also survived by his twelve grandchildren: Raven Hall, Jordan Hall, Carly Hall, Sarah Hickie, Michael Hickie, Jr., Burgin E. Dossett IV, William Dossett, Elizabeth Dossett, Olivia Dossett, Kane Dossett, Taylor Dossett, and Hunter Dossett; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned yet fondly remembered by his three sisters, Julie Webb, Genie Matthews, and Ann Blevins; his brother, Thomas Dossett; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dossett leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Burgin E. Dossett, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Dossett.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.